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## News Briefs

### Commander's call

A commander's call for the 469th Air Base Group is scheduled for 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Zeppelinhäus. Dress is uniform of the day.

### ALS grads

Congratulations to the recent graduates from the Ramstein Airman Leadership School Class 2004-8.

Graduates included: Senior Airmen **Dwight Hine**, 726th Air Mobility Squadron; **Tracie Lawrence**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic; **Demetrice Odds**, 469th ABG Communications Flight; **Ray Rodriguez**, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight and **Desiree Townes**, 469th ABG Clinic.

### Academy grads

Congratulations to the recent graduates from the Kisling NCO Academy Class 2004-7.

Graduates included: Technical sergeants **Isaac Simmons**, 726th AMS and **Michael Wolcott**, 469th ABG Safety Office.

### Closure coin

The Team Rhein-Main closure coin is available for purchase for \$10 each. See the following individuals to purchase this historical moment:

- Chief Master Sgt. Robert Stewart
- Master Sgt. James McDonald
- Karen Robinson
- Master Sgt. Monica Adams



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

### Face down!

Senior Airman Jonathan Cassman (left) and Staff Sgt. Andrew Hallead, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight, subdue a suspect following a simulated bus hijacking as part of a basewide exercise Wednesday. The scenario involved 10 hijackers making their way onto the base in a tour bus. The exercise tested the response capability of security forces and the bases ability to recover from the incident.

## New AFN channels coming

By Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's American Forces Network television system began broadcasting new movie and family channels to most overseas audiences in September.

Officials at Rhein-Main are awaiting the arrival of new equipment and expect to have the channels on the air sometime in October.

The new channels, made possible by new satellite technology, will enhance

choices for servicemembers and their families stationed overseas, said Lt. Col. Doug Smith, operations officer at American Forces Radio and Television Service headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

"The Family Channel is something we've (wanted) to do for a very long time," Colonel Smith said. Programming content will be targeted to children ages 2 to 17.

The Movie Channel will offer "the best of Hollywood" films, with behind-the-scenes specials detailing how some popular movies were made, he said.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## To honor the fallen

*(Left to right) Airman 1st Class Samuel Sells, Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, and Master Sgt. Monica Adams, salute during a commemoration ceremony in Seulingswald, Germany Monday to honor the 118 American and 18 German airmen who lost their lives Sept. 27, 1944, during a bombing raid on Kassel. This was the highest loss of life and aircraft of any U.S. bomber group during a single mission in World War II.*

# Combined Federal Campaign kicks off

The 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, runs today through Dec. 15.

Exact dates and campaign goals are established in each geographic area by the local federal coordinating committee and are available through the installation CFC project officers.

Master Sgt. Arlin Brutlag, 469th Air Base Group Communications Flight, is the CFC chairman for Rhein-Main. Each flight and tenant unit on base should also have a CFC representative appointed.

To find out more about the campaign at Rhein-Main, e-mail Sergeant Brutlag.



Last year, federal workers reached into their pockets to donate nearly \$250 million during the campaign.

The campaign was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, according to officials at the Air Force Personnel Center.

This annual fall fund-raising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone, according to officials.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

The CFC Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc) has more information.

*(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)*

## AFN, from Page 1

For years, the American Forces Radio and Television Service has provided news, sports and entertainment, as well as DoD-specific programming, to servicemembers and families stationed overseas, Colonel Smith said. The new channels will fill "a couple of niches" previously unavailable to audiences.

Larry Sichter, AFN's affiliate relations chief at the Defense Media Center at March Air Re-

serve Base, Calif., said AFN provides 10 television services and 12 radio services to 180 ships at sea and to servicemembers and families stationed in 177 countries. The total audience is estimated at 180,000 people.

This spring the Pentagon Channel began broadcasting military news programs, Pentagon news conferences and congressional hearings featuring senior DOD leaders to servicemembers stationed overseas 24 hours a day, seven days a week.





# AAFES announces new fuel prices

**MAINZ-KASTEL** – The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is providing advance notice of a fuel price change effective today as a service to its customers assigned in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

In Turkey and the Azores, where gas prices were adjusted annually, AAFES will standardize the gas pricing policy to match other locations in Europe effective today.

“Synchronizing the gas policy will ensure that the price of gas at all overseas locations reflects the U.S. market price, month to month” said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander. “AAFES’ objective is to offer pump prices that are consistent with the CONUS average regardless of where troops are stationed.”

Gas prices are market based on the Department of Energy’s average price in the United States from the previous month plus incremental costs such as labor and other expenses. This means that if U.S. prices increase, prices at all locations will follow the trend; and whenever U.S. prices go down, customers will enjoy a price reduction.

September’s DoE average price for all grades of gasoline decreased while diesel increased. As a result, the October sell prices reflect the following average changes, per gallon, by grade:

**Regular will decrease by \$.024, Mid-grade will decrease by \$.021 and Premium will decrease by \$.023. Diesel will increase by \$.058.**

In the Netherlands, new fuel sell prices for all grades including diesel are set at the “floor” selling price, per AAFES Board of Directors policy. “Floor” prices occur when the cost

of fuel plus dispensing costs is greater than the DoE average plus incremental dispensing costs.

According to DoE, the average price for regular unleaded fuel in the United States is 22.3 cents a gallon higher than it was at the same time last year.

According to OPISnet.com, the Oil Pricing Information Service, recent hurricanes in the Atlantic and Gulf areas have impacted the markets by reducing production and delaying deliveries of imports of crude oil. Oil producing platforms in the Gulf of Mexico were evacuated for safety due to the storms, causing more than a 70-percent reduction in crude oil production. This has resulted in lower inventories of crude oil for refineries to process. This will be the case until the storms have all passed. Gas prices spurred as a result of lower supply are expected to ease once the crude inventories build back up.

In Germany, the AAFES price for normal unleaded fuel will be \$2.024 per gallon. The price for super-unleaded fuel will be \$2.122 per gallon, super plus \$2.214 and the price for diesel fuel will be \$2.048 per gallon.

Customers should be aware that the Germany/Netherlands Series 5 POL gas coupons with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2004, will be extended for acceptance at AAFES GAS Stations through April 30, 2005. However, gas stations on the economy will only accept the Series 6 POL coupons currently for sale at your AAFES facilities with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2005.

Customers can request refunds for unused POL coupons, as long as they are still attached to the original booklet, at any AAFES facility, until Sept. 30, 2005. (AAFES News Service)



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Happy holidays!

*Tech. Sgt. Brady McCarron from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service, (foreground) tapes a holiday greeting for Lt. Col. Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy commander, and his wife Shannon, Sept. 24 near the base chapel. A three-person team from San Antonio taped 104 greetings at Rhein-Main. The greetings will be sent back to television and radio stations in hometowns throughout the United States for airing during the holiday season.*

# The American thing to do

The United States is unique among nations. It's the home of the most solidly democratic, representative government in the world. While at times it may not seem that our government represents our wishes, the Constitution provides many guarantees that allow us, as citizens, to redress our grievances and disagreements with our government.

Our Declaration of Independence was carefully crafted to detail a list of grievances the colonies had with the motherland, England. Of course, England was ruled by a king who held ultimate authority over his subjects. He exercised that authority through the Parliament, which was akin to our current Congress of the United States. However, unlike our present government, the King had much more influence over the matters of state. The king was the state.

The Declaration of Independence spoke of a number of issues, many that are also found in a much older document, The Magna Carta or Grand Charter. The Magna Carta was drawn up in 1215 to redress grievances between the Lords and the king. Issues of taxation, land ownership, passing unfair and restrictive laws...all are found in both documents. However, central to the message of the Declaration of Independence was the lack of representation for the colonies in the Parliament; in essence a lack of a voice in making the laws that impacted the colonies.

After winning its independence from England, the United States set about writing a set of articles that would outline how government worked. These articles were a failure, not allowing for a strong centralized, national government.

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States was completed, replacing the Articles of Confederation. In it were the rules for governing the new nation. However, it was not perfect and required amending. The first 10 Amendments are now known as the Bill of Rights. A powerful document that is the basis for the freedoms we enjoy.

One of the most important aspects of this new Constitution was the representative government. Originally, voting rights were only extended to white males, a rule that stood for nearly 80 years.

It took a traumatic event known as the American Civil War to force a change in voting rights. The 15th Amendment changed that.

This amendment to the Constitution extended voting rights to black males, but did not guarantee those rights. Through a series of maneuvers, aimed at restricting the ability of blacks to register to vote, suffrage was not a guarantee. It would be a long, hard and bloody struggle to strip away the laws and attitudes that restricted voting rights.

In the 1920s, the 19th Amendment extended universal suffrage as a right. Women now had the vote, across



**By Chief Master Sgt.  
Robert Stewart**  
469th Air Base Group  
superintendent

*The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.*

*The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.*

*If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.*

*Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.*

*The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.*



**Col. Bradley Denison**  
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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4 p.m., Oct. 7.*

## Warriors of the Week



**Airman 1st Class Carmen Fisher**

**Unit:** 469th ABG Airfield Management Flight

**Time in Air Force:** 14 months

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 10 months

**Duty Title:** Airfield management operations supervisor

**Hometown:** Bossier City, La.

**Hobbies:** Basketball, softball, soccer and traveling

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

The opportunity to move to Europe and explore new cultures and see Germany.

### 469th Air Base Group



**Staff Sgt. Timothy Larson**

**Unit:** 469th ABG Airfield Management Flight

**Time in Air Force:** 10 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 2 and a half years

**Duty Title:** Airfield management operations supervisor

**Hometown:** Burlington, Iowa

**Hobbies:** Golfing, watching old movies

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Having the chance to experience different countries.

## VOTE, from Page 4 —

America. But, some states had given the vote to women nearly 40 years earlier. Leaders such as Susan B. Anthony championed women's suffrage. This was not an easy battle.

As with the black vote, fear and violence met the struggle for universal voting rights. However, the battle was joined, fought and won, breaking down even more barriers to voting.

It was during the turmoil that was the 1960s that the last Amendment to our Constitution on voting was added. The 26th Amendment gave voting rights to all persons 18-years of age and older. It was thought that if one was old enough to die for one's country, then one should be able to choose those that would send one to war.

Voting and America. It seems simple that one goes with the other – but the struggle for voting rights has not been an easy battle. Many have suffered pain, injury and death in the fight.

In the 2002 mid-term election, only

42.3 percent of American's voted, while the number of voting age people registered was 60.9 percent.

In the white population, 48 percent voted, 39.7 percent of blacks and 18.9 percent of Hispanics. In 1996, 55.5 percent of women voted, while 62.3 percent voted in 1992.

The question one must ask, "Why, if voting is so important that we expend life and blood to defend and expand this key right, are so many unwilling to exercise this democratic power?"

Ask a person why they don't vote and the reasons are varied. But no reason is a good reason. Too much has been sacrificed by too many to give Americans the right to vote. However, voting in a democratic society is not a right, nor is it a privilege – it's a responsibility. One too often shirked because it's

inconvenient to register or take time to cast the vote.

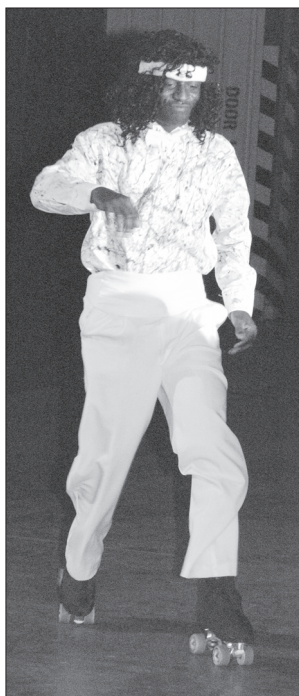
Our Air Force Enlisted Corps is governed by Air Force Instruction 36-2618, The Enlisted Force Structure. It clearly states that NCOs "Exercise their right and responsibility to vote in the U.S. election process. Ensure subordinates are aware of and afford the opportunity to register and vote in elections."

This is an interesting concept, but one not foreign to those who wear the uniform and defend those most precious of rights.

While the Bill of Rights gives us the freedom of press, religion, speech and others, it is the right to vote, to choose your government that is the most precious and powerful. You have a responsibility. Register and vote – it's the American thing to do.







*(Above) Senior Airman Jamell Mejia, a radio operator from the 752nd Communications Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., is straight out of the 70s as he skates to the music. (Right) Senior Airman Christian Martinez, a C-5 load master from the 3rd Airlift Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Del., gets the crowd involved. (Below) This year's show marked the last time Tops in Blue will perform at Rhein-Main.*



# tops in blue

More than 300 Team Rhein-Main members and local dignitaries enjoyed the final Tops in Blue performance in the history of the base in Hangar 425 Monday.

The Tops in Blue cast, made up of active duty airmen, performed a free, 90-minute show and took audience members on a musical journey celebrating 5

The show, "Musicology," was a musical celebration of Tops In Blue's proud entertainment history.

Musicology is an intricate mixture of the musical sounds of America. This year, they took the swing of "The Brian Setzer Orchestra," and the groove of "Peaches & Herb," the harmonies of "Tavares," and energy of "Madonna," the emotion of "Martina McBride," the emotion of "Whitney," and a pinch of "Hammer-time," shake it well, then pour it into a stage setting of incredible lighting and choreography.

*(Staff report)*



*Photos by  
Staff Sgt. Marie Cassetty*

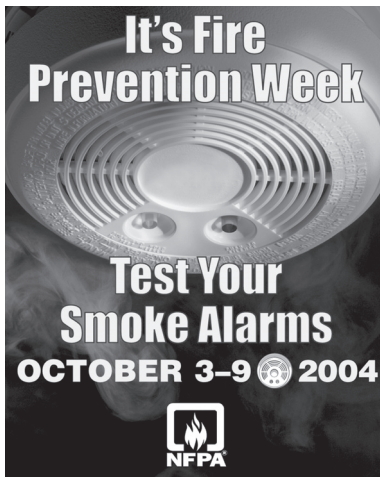




*(Above) Airman 1st Class Michelle Duque, a financial manager from the 92nd Comptroller Squadron at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., gets a little help from the men of Tops in Blue.*



*(Left) Airman 1st Class David Weaver, a financial manager from the 305th Comptroller Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and 1st Lt. Laura Richmond, a squadron section commander from the 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, perform "I Got You Babe," by Sonny and Cher. (Above) 1st Lt. Carlos Jayme, a communications officer from the 690th Computer Systems Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, gets down on "The Orange Blossom Special."*



"Test Your Smoke Alarms" is the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association.

Nearly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are the great safety success story of the 20th century — but only when they're working properly, according to the NFPA Web site. Making sure that homes are equipped with working smoke alarms is only part of the solution. Kids and families must also know what to do when the alarm sounds.

Following is a schedule of events sponsored by the 469th Air Base Group Fire Department to mark the 2004 Fire Prevention Week:

- Monday
  - 8 a.m. — Sparky the Fire Dog at Halvorsen-Tunner School
  - 10 a.m. — Fire station tour
  - 11:30 a.m. — Rescue demo at the base exchange
- Tuesday
  - 8 a.m. — Sparky at the main gate
  - 1 p.m. — Fire station tour
  - 3:30 p.m. — Fire drill at the youth center
- Wednesday
  - 10 a.m. — Fire station tour
  - 1 p.m. — Fire drill at the Child Development Center
  - 2:30 p.m. — Fire extinguisher training at the clinic
- Thursday
  - 8 a.m. — Sparky at Gateway Gardens gate
  - 1 p.m. — Fire station tour
- Friday
  - 10 a.m. — Fire station tour

## McGuire welcomes first C-17

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Martinez  
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

### MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J.

— People here welcomed the nation's newest, most modern airlifter Sept. 24 during a special arrival ceremony.

"The Spirit of New Jersey" is the first of 13 C-17 Globemaster IIIs McGuire will eventually receive.

"It is just a wonderful day for McGuire," said Gen. John Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command. "Combining the modern capabilities of the C-17 and KC-10 (Extender refueling tanker) at McGuire allows the base to deliver cargo and troops very quickly and efficiently anywhere in the world to support the global war on terrorism."

The aircraft was flown by the 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, Col. J.J. Jackson.

"The arrival of C-17s, the nation's newest airlifter, represents a great mission milestone for McGuire," Colonel Jackson said. "We will now have the Air Force's most capable airlifter coupled with its most ca-

pable air-refueling aircraft."

After the ceremony, people toured the new aircraft, and crewmembers were on hand to answer questions and explain the aircraft's unique capabilities.

"The C-17 has the tactical capabilities of the C-130 (Hercules), with the range of a C-5 (Galaxy)," said Capt. Garrett Gulish, chief of C-17 training for the 305th Operations Support Squadron. "Its biggest strength is its ability to go into austere (airfields) anywhere in the world."

The C-17 will replace the C-141B Starlifters that retired from active duty here Sept. 16. More than \$85 million in military construction

projects are under way here to support the C-17 mission. Some include the construction of a flight simulator, maintenance hangar, interim fuel cell, consolidated flightline operations facility and maintenance training facility.

"As you look at transitioning out of an incredibly older aircraft into the nation's newest, most modern airlifter, it's a significant day in the life of McGuire, TRANSCOM and AMC," General Handy said.

### Quick facts

The C-17 is operated by the Air Mobility Command at the 437th Airlift Wing and 315th Airlift Wing (Associate Reserve), Charleston AFB, S.C.; the 62nd Airlift Wing and 446th Airlift Wing (Associate Reserve), McChord AFB, Wash; and the 172nd Airlift Wing, Mississippi ANG.



Photo by Brian Dyjak

*A C-17 Globemaster III makes a smooth landing during a welcoming ceremony at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., Sept. 24. Flown by Col. J.J. Jackson, the 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, "The Spirit of New Jersey" is the first of 13 C-17s the base will receive.*



# Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Airman 1st Class Immanuel Jackson

**Sept. 2** — An Airman reported a weapons mishap on an aircraft on the flightline. An individual said he had his weapon in one hand and a magazine with one round in it in the other hand. He said the round fell from his hand, struck the ground and exploded. There was no damage done to the aircraft nor any injuries. Photographs were taken and the spent round was confiscated.

**Sept. 3** — A master sergeant reported his government vehicle was involved in a hit and run incident. The sergeant said he noticed his vehicle had a 4- to 5-inch crack and several minor scratches on the rear bumper on the passenger side. He estimated the damage at \$100. There are no leads or witnesses at this time.

**Sept. 5** — A master sergeant reported that an individual appeared to be intoxicated when they boarded a flight, in violation of General Order No. 1. The individual consented to a breath test and had a blood alcohol content of .118 percent. The individual said his command sergeant major told him he could drink if he was not in uniform.

**Sept. 8** — An individual reported that another individual had assaulted, verbally threat-

ened him and damaged his glasses. Patrols contacted the victim at his residence. Investigations revealed that a mutual assault occurred.

**Sept. 8** — A patrol stopped an individual for failure to obey a lawful order. The individual had been stopped Sept. 6 for not having a TDY license. The same patrol saw the individual come through the gate again. They stopped him and asked if he had a TDY license. He said he did not. The individual was then transported to the law enforcement desk for further questioning. A patrolman noticed the individual had bloodshot eyes and covered his mouth when he spoke, so the patrolman sought consent to test the individual's breath. The individual blew a blood alcohol content of .054.

**Sept. 9** — A civilian reported a forklift accident at the motor pool in Bldg. 311. The operator of the forklift said he was instructed by his supervisor to use a 10-K forklift to lower a 40-K cargo loader. He said the load was too heavy for the forklift and caused the hydraulic lines to break. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

**Sept. 15** — A staff sergeant was riding his bike in Gateway Gardens when he noticed three individuals jump starting a personally-owned vehicle with a government-owned

**Crime Stop Hotline**  
**330-7171**

vehicle. The sergeant stopped to tell the individuals that they could not use a GOV to jump a POV. The male suspect began using foul language towards the NCO. The sergeant then offered to get his own vehicle to help them jump the car. The male suspect became even more aggressive, so the NCO asked for identification and was refused. The NCO then contacted the law enforcement desk and the suspect was apprehended for violating Article 134, Communicating a Threat, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

**Sept. 16** — An individual reported his wallet was stolen while he was traveling. He said he was going up an escalator when an unknown individual bumped into him from behind. The victim said he felt the suspect take his wallet and watched him run away. He tried to run after the suspect, but his luggage was in the way. The victim saw the suspect disappear into the crowd. He gave a description of the suspect to the Polizei and to military law enforcement officials.



## DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

### 469th Air Base Group

157 days

### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

246 days

### 64th Replacement Company

137 days

### Tenant Units

102 days

### Others

64 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.

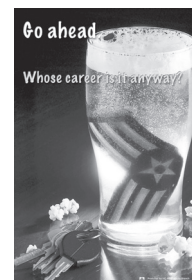




Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## He shoots, he scores

*Wesley Simpson scores a goal on Lida Hnatzuk during youth soccer practice Wednesday at Rhein-Main. More than 100 youth take part in the base youth center's soccer and flag football programs. Soccer is offered for ages 5-15 and flag football for 10-12-year-olds.*

### Sports briefs

#### **Fun run**

The base fitness center sponsors a 5K Fun Run at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

#### **Long range shooting**

The base fitness center sponsors a three-point shooting competition at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at the center.

#### **Fitness challenge**

The October Flight Fitness Challenge is set for 3:30 p.m. Oct. 29 at the base fitness center.

Flights need to have a five-person team, including one female, in order to compete.

Call the center at 330-6062 for more information.

#### **Varsity soccer**

The Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer team practices each week at the field near the transportation roundhouse.

For more information, e-mail Senior Airman Jon Zumkehr.

## AF officials announce 8th marathon results

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — Helped by cool temperatures and a sunny sky, more than 3,800 runners from 48 states and 10 foreign countries ran in the eighth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon here Sept. 17, with about 2,000 spectators and more than 1,800 volunteers assisting.

Wheelchair competitors began the 26.2-mile race at 7 a.m., pursued by individual runners at 7:05 a.m.; relay teams at 7:20 a.m.; half-marathon (13.1 miles) runners at 7:40 a.m.; and 5k runners at 10 a.m.

The individual overall male winner was James Bresette, of Clinton, Ark., with a time of 2 hours, 40 minutes, 55 seconds. Second-place male winner was **Hendrik Van Loon, of Ramstein Air Base, Germany**, with a time of 2:40:59. Taking third place was Chuck Engle, of Clinton, Mich., with a time of 2:41:38.

Repeating her win from last year, individual overall female winner was

**Jill Metzger, of Ramstein AB**, with a time of 3:06:06. Second place went to Shannon Moon, of Mount Orab, Ohio, with a time of 3:17:07. Finishing third was Kelly Tuinstra, of Beavercreek, Ohio, with a time of 3:20:04.

The first male overall 5k-run finisher was Jimmie Haager, of Camden, Ohio, with a time of 16 minutes, 52 seconds; second was Brian Frederickson, of Beavercreek, at 17:06; third was Matthew Nyholm, of West Carrollton, Ohio, at 18:25.

The first female overall 5k-run finisher was Leslie Steckbeck, of Sherwood, Ark., with a time of 20:18; second was Amy Gibson, of Asheville, N.C., at 20:56; third was Melissa Kimbler, of Dayton, at 21:01.

Final race results can be found on the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil>.

Next year's Air Force Marathon is scheduled to take place Sept. 17.



## Free movie

The Rhein-Main Hispanic Heritage Club sponsors a free showing of "*Finding Nemo*" at 2 p.m. Saturday at the base theater.

## Computer class

The family support center offers a free computer class for spouses from 6-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at "Our House", Bldg. 627B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

"Computers of the Workplace," is a free, basic computer skills class.

Childcare is available upon request. Call the FSC at 330-7992 to sign up.

## Lunch & learn

The family support center sponsors a Lunch & Learn German class from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Our House.

Participants can bring their lunch and learn how to survive in German while traveling around the country. Classes are also set for Oct. 13, 20 and 27.

## Halloween crafts

The family support center sponsors a kid's Halloween craft class from 5-6 p.m. Oct. 8 at Our House.

Children can make their own haunted

houses. Call 330-7992 for more details.

## TSP briefing

The family support center sponsors a Thrift Savings Plan briefing from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 in the center's classroom in Bldg. 347.

Civilians and military members are invited to learn more about this retirement program.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

## Holiday hours

The family support center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

## Cancer awareness

The family support center sponsors a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the center's classroom, Bldg. 347.

Participants can learn and talk about breast cancer and related issues with a medical professional. A light lunch will be served.

## Castle trip

The family support center takes a trip to Burg Eltz and Cochem castle in the Mosel Valley Oct. 16.

The bus will leave the front gate at 7:45 a.m., the back gate at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.

The Mosel Valley is known for exquisite wines and Burg Eltz is renown for 15th and 16th century furniture, paintings and weapons.

Call 330-7992 to sign up.

## Haunted house

The youth center sponsors a haunted house from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 28-29.

Youth under 9 must be accompanied.

Call 330-7125 for more information.

## Talent show

Families interested in signing up for the Air Force Worldwide Family and Teen Talent Contest should visit the youth center from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Oct. 8-20.

## Movies at Rhein-Main

**Tonight** - "*The Bourne Supremacy*," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Saturday** - "*Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "*The Bourne Supremacy*," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - "*Thunderbirds*," (PG), 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** - "*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*," (PG), 7 p.m.

**Oct. 8** - "*I, Robot*," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Oct. 9** - "*Paparazzi*," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "*King Arthur*," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 10** - "*Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle*," (R), 7 p.m.

**Oct. 13** - "*First Daughter*," (PG) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

[www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

The staff will help participants prepare their submissions. The program provides opportunities for families and youth, ages 3-18, to participate jointly in a recreational/educational activity, contribute to developing creative expression and develop an appreciation for the arts.

For more information, call the youth center at 330-7125.

## At the club

The Zeppelinhaus offers a Southern buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A German buffet is set for Oct. 13. This is also a free buffet for club members with October birthdays.

A Mexican buffet is scheduled for Oct. 20 and a homestyle buffet for Oct. 27.

The club offers social hour from 5-7 p.m. every Friday. Guests can enjoy free finger food.

## New hours

Beginning Oct. 12, the family support center will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

## Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

### ■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Chapel fellowship 10 a.m.

CCD - 10:30 a.m.

### ■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 9 a.m.

Chapel fellowship - 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.





Courtesy photo

*(Left) The Bastogne Historical Center has displays of both German and American weapons and equipment used during the Battle of the Bulge. (Above) The Mardasson Monument was erected by the citizens of Belgium in honor of the Allies who liberated their country.*

## Home of the 'Battle of the Bulge'



## Day Trippin'

**By Airman 1st Class Eric Donner**  
Public Affairs

"NUTS!"

This was the famed response Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, commander of the 101st Airborne Division sent to a German surrender ultimatum at Bastogne, Belgium on Dec. 21, 1944.

Following the D-Day invasion in June 1944, the Germans planned a massive counteroffensive – in the middle of winter – designed to capture the port of Antwerp and split the Allies in half.

General Dwight Eisenhower soon realized the attack was a major offensive and sent the 101st "Screaming Eagles" to defend Bastogne.

By Dec. 21 the Germans had completely surrounded the city and the situation was made even more difficult by the capture of most of the American medical personnel and equipment.

The foul weather finally broke on Dec. 23, allowing Allied airpower to hit back at the German supply lines and troops in the open. The 101st received their Christmas present a day late as the lead element of General George S. Patton's Fourth Armored Division reached Bastogne and the siege was ended.

Several museums in Bastogne and the

surrounding area have been built to commemorate the valiant efforts of the American and British armies.

Bastogne's center was named 'McAuliffe' – square after the 101st commander. In the middle of town is a Sherman tank that symbolizes the victorious U.S. Army in the Battle of the Bulge.

Another site is the Mardasson Monument, located two kilometers outside the city. It was built by the Belgian population to show gratitude to the American and the Allied armies for liberating their country.

Alongside the Mardasson Monument is one of the most important 'Battle of the Bulge' museums, the Bastogne Historical Center. The museum displays a vast collection of both American and German uniforms, vehicles and weapons from divisions that participated in the battle.

The museum also offers personal items loaned to the museums from veterans and civilians of the battle. The museum offers electronic guides for a small additional fee. The electronic guide explains the museum's displays and the story of "the Battle of the Bulge."

The Museum grounds has several other monuments and static displays which honor the men and women of World War II.

### If you go...



Depending on traffic, the drive to Bastogne takes approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes. It's best to consult a detailed map of Europe before heading off. The general directions are as follows: Take the A-5 south toward Basel. Just past Darmstadt, continue straight on the A-67 for approximately 34 kilometers. Take the A-6 toward Ludwigshafen/Kaiserslautern for approx. 80 km. Then take the A-62 toward Trier. At Trier, follow the signs for Luxembourg City. From there you can follow the signs for Liege/Bastogne.



The Bastogne Historical Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 20 thru April 30 and Oct. 1 thru Dec. 30. It's open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. May, June and September and from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. July and August.



Cost is 7.50 Euros per person. Reduced rates are available for seniors and children.



For more information, call 32-61-211413, or visit <http://www.trabel.com/bastogne/bastogne-historicalcenter.htm>